

To: Jill Myers, Town Manager

From: Marsha Petrillo, Director

Re: Senior Center Monthly Report

The Senior Center is pleased to submit the following report for the month of **March, 2008:**

Monthly Statistical Data

Outreach Report

Office Visits	31	Home Visits	3
Nursing Home	7	Wakes & Funerals	4
Home Visits	16	Stimulus Pkg. Rebate Check Filing	108
SMOC Recerts & New Applications	8	Telephone calls in & out	120
Medical APPTS.	1	SHINE Appts.	10
		CMAA Meeting	1

The following statistics represent the number of individuals using our transportation services, meals on wheels, luncheon attendance and attendance at our various programs and clubs for the month of **March 2008:**

Van Transportation (rides)	511	Medical Transportation	61
AARP Tax Help	73	Card Games/Pitch	162
Meals on Wheels Delivered	2,316	Weekend meals/storm meals frozen delivered	96
Congregate Meals Served	483	Total Meals Served	2,895
Cash Turnovers	\$687.00	Phone calls in & out	823
Guestbook	601	Super WalMart	31
Cards sent to elders	14	Fallon Rep	8
Vital Signs	15	Hannaford	115
Lunch attendance	483	CVS	31
Bank/Other	18	Podiatry Clinic	8
Computer Classes & walk ins	32	St Pat's Lunch	42
St. Pat's Irish Step Dancers Lunch	58	Easter Meal	60
Senior Club	43	Tri Valley Papa Gino's fundraiser luncheon	35
Superintendent's Gala	10		

Annual March for Meals – “So No Senior Goes Hungry”

It's time again for the annual March for Meals campaign sponsored by the Meals on Wheels Association of America. The Tri Valley Nutrition Program and the Uxbridge Senior Center will once again participate in this nation-wide effort to raise public awareness "*So No Senior Goes Hungry*" with a special kick off luncheon on March 3rd at the Senior Center. We will have a 50/50 raffle, a special dessert and an opportunity for you to purchase a personalized paper car cut out for \$1 or paper truck cut out for \$5. Each cut out will be posted in the Center with your name or the name of a loved one for the entire month of March. Please call Carrie at 508-278-7609 for more details and to make your luncheon reservations.

There are several other ways you can participate in this year's March for Meals campaign. We are pleased to announce that Papa Gino's in Uxbridge has agreed to set aside one day in March the week of the 23rd through the 29th to support our campaign, "*So no Senior Goes Hungry*". The Senior Center will pass out special flyers that will entitle Tri Valley to receive 20% from your purchase on a day to be announced. Please call the Carrie at 508-278-7609 for more information on how you can participate.

Another way you can participate is to volunteer to help us pack and deliver meals to homebound seniors. Or you can make a donation to our program to help pay for additional meals. Monetary donation cans will be located at the Senior Center for your convenience or you can mail your donations directly to: Tri-Valley, Inc., March for Meals, 10 Mill Street, Dudley, MA 01571. Last year Tri Valley's program delivered 257,067 Meals on Wheels in our 25 town service area and the demand keeps on growing. Thank you for your help and support, "so no senior goes hungry!" Call Carrie at 508-278-7609 or Marsha at 508-278-8622 to learn more and to volunteer.

Building Maintenance Update

Custom Alarm Service, Inc., inspected and serviced our alarm system on March 26th. They cleaned smoke detectors, tested heat and smoke detectors and all devices of the fire alarm system. The batteries were replaced in the detectors. Some unsatisfactory conditions remain with wiring going to the cellar and the heat detector is not connected to the system. There are "T" taps on the system and need further consideration. The STBM members voted to grant us an additional \$113.75 to cover the costs of this project # 08-32.

Building Demolition Update

Due to high winds, a portion of the building next to the Center was roped off after several bricks fell away from the north wall. Nick Gazerro, inspected the building on Monday, April 1 and he will send over his findings relative to the condition of the building.

COA Building Use

- ❑ Pitch Club Monday, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th 6:00 – 9:30 PM
- ❑ The NAMI Mental Health Support Group met on Tuesday, March 4th.
- ❑ The UNNC Sunday, March 2nd, 9th & 16th 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

- ❑ BOS Lunch n Learn w/Chairman Woods and Selectman Potaski 11:30 AM
- ❑ Finance Committee Public Hearing – Saturday, 3/8 – 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
- ❑ COA Board Meeting – Tuesday, 3/11/08 @ 4PM
- ❑ Uxbridge Taxpayer’s Association Thurs., 3/13 @ 7 PM
- ❑ BOS Public Hearing – US Flag - Friday, 3/14/2008 @ 12:30 PM
- ❑ SERVE New England – Saturday, March 22nd @ 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Monthly Meetings Attended by Director:

- ❑ The Council on Aging Board at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, March 11th
- ❑ Fin Com Public Meeting Sat 3/8 – 8:00 am to 4:00 PM

Free Stimulus Package Filing Help Available

The Uxbridge Senior Center will be offering free stimulus package filing help beginning March 19th and running through October. To date we have assisted 108 senior citizens with their 1040A forms.

SMOC ~ FUEL ASSISTANCE Program has been extended through May 16th

The Uxbridge Senior Center is an official in-take site for fuel assistance. If you have any questions about the process, eligibility, or documents needed to accompany the application, we can help. Please call the Center @ 508-278-8622 for further information or to schedule an appointment.

“Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.” - Voltaire

The Uxbridge Elderly Connection, Inc. and the Uxbridge COA Board members extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Girl Scout Troop 982 and Leaders Michelle Brandel and Becky Morganelli for the lovely, hand-made, Easter spring floral arrangements and colorful wreaths, several boxes of girl scout cookies, and generous \$200 donation from their recent bottle drive. What an extraordinary blessing! We remain so moved by your hard work and thoughtfulness! We are grateful to you and to all of our Brownie troops, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for the immense gifts of service you bring to our community. Because of your concern for others, our center, and the community at large, is changed for the better.

We send our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to our extraordinary Irish step dancing sisters: Mary and Leslie Nealon and Alex and Courtney Potter. Thank you from our hearts for showing us so much care and for making our St. Patrick’s day so memorable. We are truly blessed by your dancing spirits and

applaud your amazing talents. We think we are the “luckiest” senior center around to have you and your parents among us. We love watching you grow and look forward to seeing you again next year!

We owe a great big Irish thank you to Richard Colahan and Dan Zabinski, Choir Director at St. Mary’s for sharing their musical talents with us at our St. Patrick’s day luncheon. Thank you Richard for making the luncheon so special by offering up a splendid Irish toast! Thank you Lynches Riverview Wine and Spirits for your generous donation of O’Doules. We are truly blessed by your kindnesses.

We want to thank Officer Brian MacDonald for his excellent CPR instruction and for taking time out of his busy schedule to help our staff with their CPR recertifications. Thank you Sandy Rice, Sue White, Ray MacDonald, Joe Rondeau, Steven Swift and Janet Hewett for all your dedicated service to our seniors and for taking time to become CPR certified. We appreciate all that you do for others at our Senior Center!

Thank you, Julie Woods, BOS Chair, for helping out with our March for Meals campaign “So No Senior Goes Hungry” this year. You always “deliver” with your thoughtful ways compassionately helping to meet the needs of others. We appreciate your faithful service to our seniors and the community at large.

Thank you First Night Committee for helping to make our Easter luncheon so special by inviting the Easter Bunny to join us to pose with our seniors for special Easter photos. You always lend a helping hand whenever there’s a need! Thanks for joining hands with us and for supporting our events. You make a difference in so many ways throughout the community. We are grateful we can count on you.

We also want to extend our sincere thanks to our AARP Tax consultants: Joe Royer, Sharon Knapp, Marvin Davis and George Murphy for their dedication to our seniors. Thank you for all the extra help you provide to insure our seniors receive the maximum benefits associated with the Circuit Breaker Tax Credit and with the Stimulus Package Rebate. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated tax volunteers. Our thanks to Anna Lewandowski, tax coordinator for the Blackstone Valley, for helping to raise awareness and for encouraging seniors to stop by the Senior Center to see if they are eligible for these tax savings. We appreciate your hard work on behalf of senior citizens throughout the region

COMPUTER CORNER

Our next 6 week session will begin Thursday, April 24th. Call 508-278-8622 to enroll.

March 2008 Events & Programs

Mon. March 3rd:

11:30 AM March for Meals Campaign kick off luncheon.
50/50 Raffle, Join Us! Call 508-278-7609 to make your reservation.

Tues., March 4th:

NAMI Support Group meets @ Senior Center @ 7:00 pm.
This group is for individuals and family members caring for people with mental illness and not recommended for individuals with mental illness.

Thurs., March 6th:

Walmart Shopping pickup begins @ 8:30 A

Sat. March 8th:

9:00 AM Finance Committee public hearing on FY 09 Budget – All Welcome.

Mon., March 10th:

Podiatry Clinic begins @ 8:30 AM Please call the Center to schedule your appointment. 278-8622

Tues., March 11th:

4:00 PM - COA Board Meeting

Thurs., March 13th:

11:30 AM - St. Patrick's Day Luncheon with our very own, Richard Colahan. Join us for a special Irish toast and Irish musical! Call 508-278-8622 for reservations.

Sat., March 15th:

9:00 AM - Finance Committee public hearing on FY 09 budget – All Welcome.

Mon., March 17th:

11:30 AM – Happy St. Patrick's Day! Back by popular demand, Irish Step dancing by the Potter and Nealon families – You won't want to miss this lively luncheon. Join us! Call Carrie at 508-278-7609 for reservations today!

Weds., March 19th:

9:00am – 12:00 noon Stimulus Tax Rebate filing day at the Senior Center. Don't miss out on your \$300 rebate. Call 508-278-8622 to learn more.

Weds., March 19th:

1:00 PM Fallon Rep – Gail Trubow – by appointment only. Please call 508-278-8622

Thurs. March 20th:

11:30 AM - Easter Luncheon with special entertainment, door prizes and raffles. Call Carrie at 508-278-7609.

Sat., March 22nd:

10:00 AM - SERVE pick up begins. SERVE New England is a food coop with 350 locations throughout New England. Everyone, regardless of age or income, can participate in exchange of 2 hours of volunteer service per month outside of your immediate family. Serve New England wants to reward you with top quality food at a 40% discount. Visit www.servenewengland.org for more details.

Sat., March 29th:

Superintendent's Gala Ball at Pleasant Valley Country Club. Tickets are available at the Superintendent's office. Call Barbara at 508-278-8648. All proceeds to benefit the Uxbridge Educational Foundation.

REMINDER: Transportation to and from medical appointments is available at the Senior Center. Call ahead, as soon as you book your next appointment. It is never too early to book an appointment. If you are willing, we will gladly reschedule your appointment if there is a conflict. Call Susan, at 508-278-8622 to make your medical appointment reservation.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha E. Petrillo, Director